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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: King Y. Poon
Toshiya KANAZAWA)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/878,305)	
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Filed: June 12, 2001)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)	October 11, 2005
HAVING BBS FUNCTION AND	:	(Tuesday after Federal Holiday)
CONTROL METHOD THEREOF)	
AND PROGRAM THEREOF, AND	:	
STORAGE MEDIUM)	

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully traverses the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 8, 2005.

A careful review of the specification reveals that the three species are closely related and would not require separate fields of search. Accordingly, neither Applicant nor the

Patent and Trademark Office should be put to the trouble and expense entailed in multiple filing and prosecution. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the public at large should not be required to obtain and study separate patent documents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering the invention.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant provisionally elects Species I, of how the Web client communicates with the Web server and transmits BBS display message data to the present apparatus and how the data is then displayed on the apparatus of the first embodiment, page 7, line 2, page 26, lines 17-22. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 7, 13, 15, 21, 27, 43-49, 54 and 55 read on the elected species. No claims are believed to be generic.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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